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ROUND TABLE

Friday, November 3 - - - Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
5:30 to 7:30 P. M. - - - Members and Guests: Free

HOW TO PIERCE THE IRON CURTAIN

by

RUTH FISHER and BORIS SHUB

Dr. Ranier Hildebrandt was unavoidably detained in Washington and will be unable to appear. In his place will be Ruth Fisher, formerly a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International and formerly a leader of the German Communist Party. For over a decade, she has been a militant fighter against Soviet aggression everywhere. She is author of the authoritative study on Stalin published by Harvard University, a second volume of which is to appear shortly. Boris Shub, formerly with the American Radio Station in Berlin, will talk on his work penetrating the Iron Curtain with news and facts. His new book, "The Choice", (Duell, Sloan and Pierce), will be door prize. Moderator: ISAAC DON LEVINE.

OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, November 7 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
From 5:30 P. M. ----- Members and Guests: Free

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NATIONAL ELECTION ROUNDUP

Complete, up-to-the-minute coverage of local and national elections results -- via the Club's own television and radio facilities -- will highlight this special Election Day open house. As the New York Times' electric bulletin board flashes late returns to passers-by in Times Square below, a running report of election progress will be brought to OPC Members and guests in the Clubrooms above. Refreshments will be available, although no food will be served. Plan to spend Election Day evening at Overseas Press Club Headquarters.

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ROUND TABLE

THURSDAY, November 9 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
5:30 to 7:30 P. M. --- Members and Guests: Free

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ELECTION RESULTS AND OUR FOREIGN POLICY

Two days after national elections are held, the Club will present a panel of top Government and newsmen experts to discuss the significance of election results in regard to U. S. foreign policy. All talks will be off the record.

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OFFICIAL

Awards Committee Meeting Clubrooms Thursday, November 2, 5:45 P.M.
Board of Governors Meeting Clubrooms Monday, November 6, 8:00 P.M.

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Columbia Sileo, free-lance writer. Spain, 1937-1940; Mexico, 1941-1945, all for Fotopress Co. Proposed by DANIEL GROSSI; seconded by JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM.

George G. Herz, assistant to Danton Walker, columnist. Philippines, March, 1944 to April, 1945, as public relations officer, chief surgeon, Western Pacific Area; same dates, public relations, Base X, Philippine Islands. Proposed by ROY J. BATTERSBY; seconded by JOSEF DINE.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OFFER
BRINGS INCREASE IN NUMBER
OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

An increase in the flow of applications for OPC membership was reported this week, following the announcement in the October 26 Bulletin that "only some 300 existing vacancies remain to be filled...before the Club reaches its quota of 1,000 Members."

A letter invitation is being extended present Members, by Committee Co-Chairmen PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE and Past President FRANK KELLEY, to enroll qualified foreign correspondents in the OPC.

It was noted by office personnel, however, that a number of application blanks had been received which did not bear the names of both proposers and seconders. No action can be taken on such applications, Members are reminded. Those forwarding blanks to the Club should be urged to make certain that both signatures are affixed.

Quuestions regarding eligibility qualifications of prospective Members should be referred to the Membership Committee at Club Headquarters.

HANDS-ACROSS-THE-SEA DEPARTMENT: First use of the exchange courtesies recently granted members of the London Press Club was exercised this week when Betty Bridger, assistant to Albert Lazenby, manager of the London organization, visited OPC Headquarters with Mrs. EARL CHAPIN MAY. Also with them were Aline Forget and Gabrielle du Maulin of Montreal, who were in New York to visit and see Miss Bridger off for London. Miss Bridger was particularly thrilled at being received in the OPC's Clubrooms. Seems the London Press Club is "off limits" to women, and Miss Bridger gets in only because she works there...

Congratulations to RICHARD J. H. JOHNSTON, New York Times correspondent in Korea, who received one of the third set of \$100 news writing awards established by his publisher. In the foreign category, JOHNSTON was cited for his September 7 dispatch headed, "South Korean Isle Haven From War"...

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RUTH KARPf is currently working on a series of profiles of countries and people in Asia for the Toronto Star Weekly. "Formosa, Shaky Bastion" and "India Is the Real Stake" have already appeared. Upcoming is "Pakistan Takes Stock", "Burma Query", "From Siam to Thailand" and a profile of Nasrolla Entezam of Iran, president of this year's UN General Assembly. With a sidestep into European problems -- based on an interview with Dr. Karl Gruber, foreign minister of Austria, Miss KARPf keeps tri-continental-minded...China will be the subject of GERALDINE FITCH's talk on November 2 before the Woman's Club of Upper Montclair. On November 7 she will participate in a TV "Court of Current Issues" program on Korea...

The New York Herald Tribune calls the book, "MacArthur: Man of Action", by Past President FRANK KELLEY and CORNELIUS RYAN, a "lively, readable profile of a great proconsul"...Theo. F. Coleman, public information officer of the Frankfurt Press Center, was married last month in Bonn to Baroness Amelie von Thielmann...

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OPC MEMBERS TO PACE
ELECTION COVERAGE
BY RADIO NETWORKS

Complete coverage of local and national election results, with emphasis on the gubernatorial and congressional contests throughout the country, has been blueprinted by the major radio networks for Tuesday, November 7. OPCers will figure prominently on the airwaves that day, it was reported.

The National Broadcasting Company's election coverage will be directed by WILLIAM F. BROOKS, vice president in charge of public relations, with ROBERT TROUT as general election news coordinator-announcer. H. V. KALTENBORN will analyze nation-wide trends from New York, while MORGAN BEATTY will report on the significance of senatorial returns from Washington. General news tabulations will be provided by New York NBC reporters, including Past President W. W. CHAPLIN, LEON PEARSON and GEORGE HICKS.

EDMUND A. CHESTER, director of news for Columbia Broadcasting System, announced the entire news staff -- editors, writers and newscasters -- will work on election-night broadcasts. Past President LOWELL THOMAS will run down early returns on his 6:45 newscast, and EDWARD R. MURROW will follow with later news at 7:45.

Among correspondents who will cover Republican and Democratic national headquarters in Washington for the Mutual Broadcasting System will be MBS Presidential reporter WILLIAM HILLMAN. Next day MBS commentators, among them CECIL BROWN, will discuss the significance of election results. DON COE and PAULINE FREDERICK of the American Broadcasting Company's news staff will be on duty for their network.

MEMBERS ON THE MARCH: After a brief sojourn in the U.S., ARTHUR SETTEL returned to Europe last week aboard the "Liberte". He urges any junketing OPCers to visit him in Frankfurt. Telephone: 8567...LEO LANIA is just back from four months in Italy, Israel, Austria, Germany and France. In Italy he wrote a screen play for a film based on Judge Michael A. Musmanno's book on Hitler's last days. In Germany, LANIA delivered lectures in 15 cities, on behalf of HICOG's public information division, in the Amerika houses of all three Western zones...Also just returned from Europe is HENRY GELLERMANN. While abroad he visited Holland, Germany, Austria, Norway, Switzerland and France...

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RITA HUME SECONDARI and husband, John, (who's with the ECA Mission to Italy) are proud parents of a one-month-old boy, John Gerry Secondari. The trio will remain in New York, combining business with pleasure, until January...The November Flair carries a "Vienna letter" by RICHARD MOWRER...RAY JOSEPHS has a featured piece, "Behind the Foamy Froth" (about the foam rubber business) in Nation's Business for November. He also kicked off the East-West Lecture Series with a talk on his old stomping ground, Latin America, at Great Neck, N.Y., High School on November 1...

The Club regrets to report the death of Col. EDWIN H. COOPER, a former war correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor. Colonel Cooper was closing the family summer home in New Hampshire when he fell into the lake, hip-waders on his legs, and was drowned. He was buried at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.

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Industrial Editor -- Large manufacturing firm, a multi-plant operation employing 18,000, is looking for a man with extensive newspaper and magazine experience to edit a company magazine. High degree of competence required. Salary: about \$7,500. Telephone David Zingg, Whitehall 4-1700, for information.

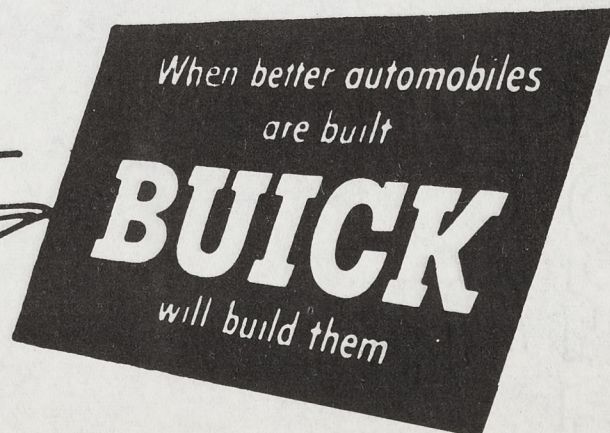
(The Job Forum is a service of the OPC's Placement Committee)

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FOR RENT: An eight-room villa at One Fairway, Lido, Long Island, N. Y., completely furnished with garage attached and automatic oil heat. For immediate rental until May 31 at \$125 per month. Telephone Joseph J. Stern, attorney, 40 Wall Street. House is owned by MICHAEL STERN, still working out of Rome.

Mr. and Mrs. LEO J. MARGOLIN recently gave a UN party for Col. Alfred Katzin of South Africa. Colonel Katzin has been personal representative of Secretary General Trygve Lie in Korea, and returned for conferences at the UN...This week A. DOAK BARNETT started his new job as consultant to ECA in Washington on Far Eastern problems...A new syndicated column, to run in This Week (which services 28 dailies), has been launched by BENNETT CERF. A collection of anecdotes, it's called "Cerf Board"...Former UP and AP staffer JOHN PARRIS has been named public relations director of the Cherokee Historical Association...

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PARIS DATELINE -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Stephen White, formerly with the New York Herald Tribune, is now European correspondent for Look magazine...Another former Herald-Tribune, Kenneth Kilbon, has joined the ECA and will be stationed at The Hague...John Leacocas, European correspondent for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, left Paris in mid-October for home leave in the States...MORT BELSHAW, chief of the Associated Press photo section in Rome, took his vacation recently in Paris. -- (PRESTON GROVER).

HONG KONG DATELINE -- (Special to The Bulletin)-- The Correspondents Club, halfway up Hong Kong's Peak, was the scene of battle on UN Day. Startled members saw a rifled detachment in "civvies" crawl to the water filter system just below the club, set off a charge that exploded with much sound and smoke. Promptly, from all around, British Tommies dashed forward, took control of the club premises, shooting from behind terraces and tea tables.

A British officer, in shorts and composure, stopped a moment to explain. "Maneuvers. Guerrillas attacking the waterworks."

"Probably the British are really preparing to defend the city - against the battalion of foreign correspondents who'll be invading the place on their way from Japan to Indo-China", remarked Peppi Paunzen, former photographer for General Chennault's airline and now club manager. The club has its own dining room and a dozen rooms for transient and permanent occupants. Its Saturday evening affairs provide relaxation for correspondents, and a gathering place for the large corps of newsmen's associates -- PRO's, publicity men, etc. Special dinners are served Wednesday evenings.

The OPC's Bulletin is popular, and a stack is always on the library table -- adjoining the new bar. The Club is the only place in Hong Kong where Britishers and Americans mingle freely. The quarters, at 15 Kotewall Road, in a former mansion, is surrounded by pampalo and banana trees. -- (EDWARD HUNTER).

Reporting from FRANKFURT, UP staffer HELEN FISHER writes she's "beginning to feel like an honest-to-God correspondent again, as Frankfurt UP has decided to go on a rotating system and take me off what began to look like a permanent assignment on the night desk. I was practically out of circulation for more than a year on that trick. Now I'm back on the usual variety circuit of agency work -- one of the attractions that makes me stick to it. For instance, in just two days last week I covered a spy trial, a traveling fashion show from Vienna and a bunch of German kids coming home from a year in the States..."

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Coronet book editor JOHN BARKHAM will be one of the two critics on the November 19 "Author Meets the Critics" program on ABC. The book to be discussed is "The Sign of Jonah" by Nancy Hale...The Wilmington (Dela.) Sunday Star interest held by editor-publisher STANLEY ROSS has been sold to Lt. Gov. Alexis I. duPont Bayard and E. M. Budner. ROSS will now devote his time to other newspaper interests...

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***** Capsule reviews of new books recently received by the OPC Library:
 * THE OPC BOOKSHELF * "Calculated Risk" by General Mark W. Clark (Harper & Brothers, \$5.).
 ***** General Clark's personal account of his command of the fighting in North Africa and Italy. Outspoken and informal, Clark calls the shots on many controversial issues. Recommended reading for correspondents who covered Clark's armies...

"Fifty Fabulous Years" by H. V. KALTENBORN (G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$3.50). OPCer KALTENBORN spins the story of his life from his days as a volunteer in the Spanish-American War down to the present. An entertaining and stimulating account of his first-hand experiences...

"The Wright Brothers" by QUENTIN REYNOLDS (Random House, \$1.50). This is QUENT's story of how Orville and Wilbur Wright invented, built and flew the first airplane. The book is one in the series of "Landmark" books, which are pitched for younger readers and deal with important events in the nation's past...

"In Another Country" by David Davidson (Random House, \$3). Davidson, who made his debut as a novelist with "The Steeper Cliff" and followed through with "The Hour of Truth", now has spun a new yarn about a young man's attempt to find his footing in a shifting world. Unlike his previous novels, its approach is outwardly humorous...

"The Mill on the Po" by Riccardo Bacchelli (Pantheon, \$4.). This novel takes as its theme the birth of Italy as a unified nation. However, historical events are described only as they affect the characters centered around a river mill on the Po...

"The First Transcontinental Railroad" by ADELE NATHAN (Random House, \$1.50). Another in the series of "Landmark Books", this one deals with the history of American railroading...

POCKET BOOKS: "The Lonely" by Paul Gallico and "A Swell Looking Girl" by Erskine Caldwell (Signet); "Cry Shame" by Katherine Everhard and "The Dead Men Grin" by Bruno Fischer (Pyramid). All 25 cents...

DE SEVERSKY ATTACKS ARMY-NAVY PLANNERS; PLEADS "MORE PLANES"

Striking at what he considers outmoded concepts of air power among Army and Navy war planners, Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky, veteran advocate of increased air armaments, on November 1 told an OPC audience at Toots Shor's that "the next war will be decided in the air". He attacked "fallacious assumptions" of admirals and army generals which, he said, "may lead us to disaster because their strategy is based entirely on our experience in World Wars I and II."

"History tells us that dangers lie in victories", he continued, "because nations prepare for a next war based on former wars". Today, however, air power has no such limits as it had in the past. "Planes today do not have to be carried piggy-back to the scene of action", Major de Seversky asserted. "They can now range over the entire globe and return to their bases."

The Korean War, he said, meant political and moral advantages to us, but few strategic ones. For Russian strategy is based on dispersal of our forces and destruction of our economy. She has succeeded in the former aim, de Seversky stated. "We must now garrison Korea. We are in Korea for good until the main show has been joined and won." Top planners now believe, he said, that, because we encountered little air opposition in Korea we can disregard the air force as a vital factor in war. "But the air must first be cleared before land armies and sea navies can operate successfully." He also told the Club that the Russians now have jet aircraft "every bit as good as ours", although inferior materials are used in their construction because the Soviets expect a speedy rate of destruction.

Before Major de Seversky spoke, President LOUIS P. LOCHNER introduced an honored guest, authoress Ilka Chase. With her at the head table were ADELAIDE KERR, Past President EUGENE LYONS, MARY HORNADAY, WILL OURSLER and DICKSON HARTWELL.

GUEST BOOK: Trio -- MATTHEW HUTTNER, CARL BAKAL and guest Ted Irwin of Farrell Publications... At another table: JOSEPH LEVY, JOSEF DINE... A welcome to a returned Member, LEN SMITH... Also seen: GRACE CORSON, ELIZABETH FAGG, DOROTHY OMANSKY and J. P. McEVOY...

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